

**Executive Committee for Highway Safety  
Speed Working Group  
Meeting Minutes; Mtg. #3  
June 28, 2004**

**Location:**

Triangle Transportation Management Center, Trenton Road @ 1:00 p.m.

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

Kevin Lacy

Cpt. Glidewell

Joe Geigle

Gaines Weaver

Cliff Braam

Ron Allen

Doug Robertson

Ron Hughes

Haywood Daughtry

**Scribe:**

Cliff Braam

**Minutes:**

- The meeting began at approximately 1:00 p.m.

**Task I – Action Items from Last Meeting**

**Addition of a Judge**

There was additional discussion about having a judge work with us on the working group.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
Gaines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A trial court judge may be more beneficial since they would be familiar with the issues we are discussing.</li></ul>
Kevin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We may want to look at two different levels of judges; one for the working group and one for the ECHS.</li></ul>
Doug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We need to get a judge from the highest level to serve on the ECHS.</li></ul>
Kevin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Will talk to the ECHS about having a judge on it and get recommendations as to who it should be. Then we can look for a judge to help on the WG.</li></ul>

**Increased Fines/Fee Structure**

At the last meeting, Gaines was asked to look into a couple of possibilities of setting increased fines or penalty structures for dedicating the revenue to increased enforcement.

**Q1. – What would be involved to applying additional penalties/fines to citations involving speeding.** *The appropriate statutes would need to be amended and the working group would need to provide guidance as to what the fines should be.*

**Q2. - What would need to be done to establish a fine structure and then dedicate the revenues from these fines to fund enforcement efforts?** *At the present time, all increased/additional fines that are collected, go to the school board. A better approach to this*

*would be to establish a fee (w/ legislative action) to cover the cost of increased enforcement. This means that we would need to figure the cost per citation to be assessed as a court cost. We could create additional positions dedicated to “speed” enforcement and fund them with the fees. There would be some initial start up cost, but then the positions should be self sustaining.*

Gaines mentioned that we might need to look at banning the use of radar detectors within N.C.

Ron H. mentioned leaving the detectors as they are, but increase the usage of drone radar.

## **Task II – Developing an Implementation Plan**

- The group was reminded of the overall charge of the working group. Essentially, the group needs to develop a Plan of Action that can be presented to the ECHS that details the issues, solutions/countermeasures, resources needed (people and financial), advantages/disadvantages of the different solutions, potential barriers to implementation, legislative actions if needed, etc.
- It was also noted that although there was not set deadline for the group, it is important that the group show that we are making progress and moving forward in a positive manner. While we do not have an assigned deadline, this does not indicate that this is an effort without expectations or a deliverable in a timely manner.

## **Task III– Group Discussion/Specific Strategies**

- Kevin outlined to the group that the next step was to begin developing specific strategies for addressing the issues associated with speed and that we would be utilizing the same format as outlined in the NCHRP Report 500 (examples were handed out).
- Kevin told everyone that the goal of putting the strategies on paper was not to necessarily have all of the details, but to provide the ECHS enough information that that could make an informed decision as to whether to move forward with an idea, seek more information or to put it on hold for one reason or another.
- Then there was discussion about specific strategies that could be beneficial in addressing the issue of speed. Below is the initial list that was developed and who it was assigned to for further development.

<b>Assigned To</b>	<b>Strategy</b>
Lacy	Approaching the ECHS about having a judge present on the ECHS
Gaines/Glidewell	Establishing a Fee Structure to fund additional law enforcement
On Hold	Ban on Radar Detectors
Ron Hughes	CMV Speed Enforcement
Joe	Wider spread usage of drone radar
Doug	Monitor Charlotte DOT Photo Radar Enforcement program for future use
Kevin	Pace Car Program for state employees

Drafts are due to Cliff by **July 12, 2004**

Cliff will compile & send to the group for comments. Comments are due back by **July 16, 2004**.

- The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

### **Action Items:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Item</b>
All	See assignments under Task III
Kimberly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talk with D.A.'s about the different perspectives on issues to work on within the Speed working group. (i.e. why are we bargaining tickets down?)</li> </ul>
Kevin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Propose to ECHS the addition of a Judge</li> </ul>
Joe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research on effectiveness of banning radar detectors.</li> </ul>

NEXT MEETING: August 25, 2004 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. @ the TMC